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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 and 27 on 15-16 May 1959

Subject contact was made in New York on 15-16 May by Stephen Tanner and the undersigned. The following subjects were covered.

1. ~~X~~ KNYZH, Vasyl, Stanislavsky Oblast, Rayon Zabolotiv, Selo Rozh-Pole ^{See Traces attached} (Rozhnevi-Polya). In the report of contact with AECASSOWARY-2 on 5-6 March 1959 it was stated that a letter dated February 29 received from the Ukraine gave evidence of receipt of the INFORMATION BULLETIN. The letter written in Ukrainian was postmarked in Wroclaw, although the return address was Lublin. The writer signed only her first name "Pavlina" and stated that she could be identified through an item in the November 1956 UKRAINSKE SLOVO, a Ukrainian language newspaper published in Canada in which she requests information regarding her brother, Vasyl KNYZH. (The issue of UKRAINSKE SLOVO in which the item appeared is issue No. 56, dated 14 November 1956.) It has been determined that Pavlina is the niece of Vasyl ~~X~~ PUHACH to whom her newspaper item was addressed. Vasyl PUHACH lives in Vancouver, B. C. Pavlina's father is Yurko KNYZH (A registry trace reveals that a Vasyl KNYZH was associated with UKRAINSKY VISTY, a URDP/Right wing publication in Neu Ulm, Germany. AECASSOWARY-2 said he was going to communicate with his people in Munich for additional information on KNYZH.

2. ~~X~~ HLADUN, Nikolas. AECASSOWARY-2's source of information on HLADUN is Dr. ~~X~~ Kibalo in New York. Dr. Kibalo has a sister in Lvov who has recently returned from prison. He has written his sister informing her of HLADUN's forthcoming visit and has asked her to send him pictures of the family via HLADUN. ~~X~~ Fnu TOLOPKO who is employed by UKRAINSKI SCHODENI VISTY in New York was in Lvov last year but was not permitted to visit the village of his birth. He is an acquaintance of HLADUN's and has told HLADUN to report to Vasyl STEPANYK, head of the Lvovska Oblast, who will give him permission to visit his village. Vasyl ~~X~~ STEPANYK is a famous Ukrainian novelist. He has a son, ~~X~~ Yuri, in Edmonton, Alberta. The Soviet Embassy in Canada has talked to Yuri several times about returning to the Soviet Union. Yuri, however, has refused stating that his wife was not in favor of his going. Vasyl STEPANYK, according to AECASSOWARY-2, was supposed to have given aid on several occasions to women in the Ukrainian underground.

3. HLADUN will be staying at the Georgia Hotel during his visit in Lvov. AECASSOWARY-2 will, on HLADUN's return, obtain the number of his room to see if it corresponds with the number of room in which another traveller of Ukrainian extraction from the United States stayed during his visit in Lvov.

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4. AECASSOWARY-2 has sent to printing a brochure which they plan to distribute at the Vienna Youth Festival. The brochure contains excerpts from various defected Communist writers such as Ignazio Silone, Arthur Koestler and Howard Fast. Another brochure being prepared contains pertinent excerpts from the INFORMATION BULLETIN.

5. Expected expenses for fiscal year 1960 were discussed in brief.

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